


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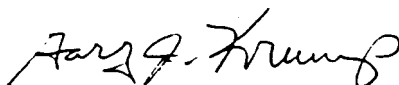
Memorandum

Date **APR 8 1998**

From Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management (95A)

Subj: Class Deviation from the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulations (VAAR)
Deputy Secretary (001)
THRU: Acting Assistant Secretary for Management (004) 

1. In accordance with VAAR 801.404, Class deviations, your approval is requested to deviate from VAAR 801.602-3, Ratification of unauthorized commitments. This deviation is requested to eliminate the requirement for the Under Secretary for Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits, as administration heads, to act as an approving authority for ratifications of unauthorized commitments.
2. The requested amendment to paragraph 801.602-3(a)(2) is to substitute the following language for the existing language: "For Central Office contracting officers, the approving authorities for supplies, services and construction are the Veterans Benefits Administration Chief Financial Officer, the Veterans Health Administration Chief Financial Officer, the National Cemetery Service Chief Financial Officer, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management."
3. This class deviation will eliminate the requirement for the Under Secretary for Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits to personally review ratifications of unauthorized commitments. It also clarifies what has been heretofore an ambiguous definition of "staff offices concerned" as approving authorities. A permanent change to the VAAR is currently in process.
4. Your favorable consideration of this request will be appreciated.


Gary J. Krump

Attachment

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:



Hershel W. Gober
Deputy Secretary

Date

4/17/98